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Shaw Trial Set Today in JFK Case

NEW ORLEANS, La., Jan. 20 (AP)—District Attorney Jim Garrison did an about-face today and agreed to proceed without further delay in the trial of Clay Shaw, accused nearly two years ago of conspiring to kill President Kennedy.

A Garrison assistant, James Alcock, told Judge Edward J. Haggerty in Criminal District Court the state would be ready to go ahead as scheduled Tuesday. Alcock withdrew a state motion for a delay based on the claim that the Federal Government was withholding vital evidence.

The state had asked for a continuance last Friday after Judge Charles Halleck of the Court of General Sessions in Washington, D.C., declined to enforce a Garrison subpoena of Kennedy autopsy photographs and X-rays taken after the assassination in Dallas.

Alcock asserted that if the Federal government "blocks our attempts to present all of the evidence, this case cannot be brought to trial."

The autopsy reports were turned over to the National Archives by the Kennedy family with the stipulation that they be withheld from the public.

U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark released last week a report by four experts who checked the autopsy material and agreed with the Warren Commission that President Kennedy was shot from the rear. Garrison has insisted there were other shots from the front.

Alcock declined to discuss the reason for withdrawal of the continuance motion but complained that Clark had "tried to interfere in the case with public statements."